

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph sections under the heading "Related Applications" with the following new paragraph sections:

At page 3 lines 23-24:

Suitably R² represents CONH₂ or COOH or CO₂CH₃, ~~such as CONH₂, should the second CONH₂ group be deleted or should more preferably be kept?~~

At page 3 lines 33:

Suitably Q represents ~~unsubstituted~~ **unsubstituted** aryl, such as unsubstituted phenyl.

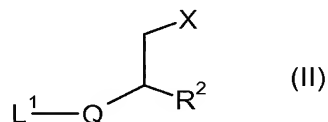
At page 3 lines 33:

Suitably Z represents a bond or O, ~~such as a bond.~~

At page 5, lines 13-27 to page 7, lines 1-6:

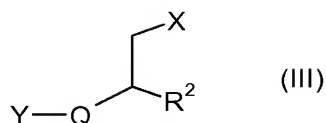
The invention also includes processes for the preparation of compound of formula (I), **comprising which comprises a process:**

~~a process~~ (A) for preparing a compound of formula (I), wherein Z represents a bond and R¹ represents optionally substituted 5- or 6- membered aryl or heteroaryl, **comprises by** reacting a compound of formula (II):



wherein R², Q and X are as previously defined for formula (I) and L¹ represents a leaving group, with a reagent suitable to introduce the group R¹, such as a compound R¹B(OH)₂; or

(B) (i) ~~preparation of~~ **for preparing** compounds of formula (I), wherein Z represents , O, S, SO, SO₂, NR⁴, OCR⁴R⁵, by reacting a compound of formula (III):



wherein R^2 , Q and X are as previously defined for formula (I) and Y represents OH, SH, NHR^4 , HOCR^4R^5 with a compound of formula (IV)



wherein R^1 is defined above for compounds of formula (I) and L^2 represents a leaving group; and

(ii) wherein Y is -SH optionally followed by **oxidation oxidizing the Y group** to the corresponding SO or SO_2 **group** as required; or

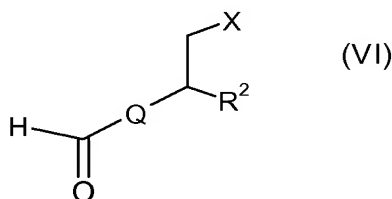
(C) **for** preparing compounds of formula (I)₁ wherein Z is $-\text{CR}^4\text{R}^5\text{O}-$ by **reaction** reacting **of** a compound of formula (III)₁ wherein Y is $-\text{OH}$ ₁ with a compound of formula (V)



wherein R^1 , R^4 , R^5 are defined above for compounds of formula (I) and L^3 represents a leaving group;

(D) **for** preparing compounds of formula (I)₁ wherein Z is CH_2 and R^1 represents optionally substituted 5- or 6- membered aryl or heteroaryl₁ by reacting

(i) a compound of formula (VII)



wherein Q, X and R^2 are as defined above₁ with an optionally substituted 5- or 6- membered aryl or heteroaryl nucleophile, for example, a compound of formula (VII);



(VII)

wherein A is a 5- or 6- membered aryl or heteroaryl, R^{17} is H or one or more substituents, which have been described earlier in the specification, and M is a metal, for example, Mg, Li or MgLi; and

(ii) **by reducing reduction** and **eliminating elimination** of the resultant alcohol or;

(E) **by deprotecting deprotection** of a protected form of **the** compounds of formula (I).